FROM THE FIELD.

Miami Valley Items.

'Man proposes and God disposes,' is a very truthful adage. Every day our experiences show us how true it is.

Thus it was with your humble servant when he proposed to spend a full week with the Pleasant Hill congregation. Even before we started we found we could not remain longer than Tuesday night. Although we had mud and rain and cold to contend with yet our meetings were attended with the usual good crowds.

While there we visited sister Abbie Reisch, who is terribly afflicted with cancer. She has been confined to her house for the last six months, and has suffered an agony of pain that few of us can realize. During one of our late visits there, we had a private communion at the old sister's home, and at which time she was annointed in the name of the Lord.

When many of us feel disconsolate, and in a mood to grumble and find fault with Providence and the world in general, it would do our souls good to visit the bedside of some suffering but patient Christian as that of our sister. It must naturally make us feel ashamed of ourselves.

Our sister, Sarah Kepner, of Arcanum, Darke Co., came up to Pleasant Hill during our short stay, to attend at least one meeting. These instances of Christian zeal, when isolated members will come long distances, at great expense and trouble and sacrifice merely to enjoy one meeting, ought to shame some of us, who live within a stone's throw, or at most only a few miles from church, and we are too careless and dilatory to come to meeting.

On Thursday another wedding party from our old bailwick at Farmersville came to our home to be made happy. This time sister Anna Roof and Mr. W. Smith, both of that village. May the sunshine of joy ever come down in all its brilliancy across their pathway in life.

On last Tuesday, self and wife drove over to West Alexandria to meet Bro. Bashor when he commenced his meetings there. Going there was as going home to us, and the greeting of our many friends brightened up our life considerably.

On the first evening the house was only about half filled, but on the second night it was nearly filled. Our brother's manner of presenting the Gospel has taken the people of that neighborhood by surprise. The outlook is good, and we pray for abundant success. The devotion and sacrifice of the few brethren will not go unrewarded.

On Wednesday afternoon, while we were visiting at Bro. David Lowman's, another wedding party from Farmersville came upon us, and desired our aid to help them on their way. So we did our part in starting them on the voyage of life together. Thus our young brother Noah W. Holman and Miss Louise Leedy were ushered into the sterner realities of life. May God bless them.

We expect to attend Bro. Bashor's meetings at West Alexandria again next week when by that time we feel a presentiment that we will have the pleasure of reporting success. Our brother Bashor needs no eulogy from my pen, the abundant success that has attended his untiring energy and devotion to the cause is eulogy enough.

On the coming Sunday we will preach at Little York.

On Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock the Pleasant Hill congregation will hold their regular quarterly council meeting. I announce this meeting thus early so that every member will hold themselves in readiness to attend.

In conclusion allow me to congratulate the church in general, the Fairview congregation, and Bro. Bowman on the successful result of his late effort. Twenty-nine conversions. What encouragement that must be. May the Lord ever prosper his cause.

EDWARD MASON.

Montana, Kan.

March 9.—The EVANGELIST keeps coming ladened with glorious news of ingatherings. We rejoice with all of you brethren. We hope all will have sufficient grace and wisdom to give God, not only a little, but a good deal more praise than the instruments through whose instrumentality on the human side the work is done. Also rejoice just as much, should a poor drunkard or harlot become converted as when eminent and leading citizens become converted. All must go in through the same door. Christ is that door. None can be saved without him.

Did you yield Bro. Palmer, and not preach 'doctrine?' I would not for my life, and much less to get the flattery and sugared mush of all christen and heathendom. 'Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine. Continue in them,' etc., is a most solemn injunction, and comes to the minister fraught with warning. 'What is truth?' 'What is right?' not what will gain popular favor should be our motto. Out west, here, ministers of different denominations often hold union revival meetings under contract that none should preach doctrine. I have offered to labor with others, but never under such contract, nor I never will, unless I should conclude that religion, like many other things, is a mere sham. I believe all truth to be doctrine and if baptism, feet-washing, etc., are truth I know no human power or influence that can hinder me from preaching them. I can go out under the open canopy of heaven and preach, and will do so rather than be tongue-tied in this matter. I hope Bro. P. did not yield.—Hope no brother ever will.—Just as well disband. Better get half a dozen substantial and indoctrinated converts than ten thousand who are only worked on the surface. I have in the past, in some degree made mistakes on that line, and have learned the danger. Bro. Metzger:

To argue that we have gospel law for electing preachers would be making doctrine and would be equally dangerous to not preaching it where it exists. It may often become an expedient measure to elect preachers, but who can prescribe a stereotyped rule in the absence of law for any election, and under congregational form of church government. Am exceedingly glad you are prospering so well. I would better quit or I'll turn critic.

Will preach some in Warrensburg next week. Towards the latter part of the month I will and learn what can be done at Rosedale, Kan., toward a Brethren organization. I will report. I had hoped that the Mission Board would do something at these isolated places, but as I do not hear from them I will explore, report, and trust God to help me through.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Ashland, Ohio.

During my canvass for the Medicine and Magnetic Appliance Co., I often have a desire to see the EVANGELIST, and have been fortunate in having it handed to me by sister Lucinda Stuckey and brother J. Keim. I have had the privilege of attending part of a series of meetings at Freeburg and Reading in the Sandy Church, conducted by Bro. D. M. Irvin, of Orville. Bro. Dave is a pusher in revival work and will get some good work done by having social meeting, and getting members to work. One old brother said he had never taken any part in such a meeting before, but he lead in prayer in public and made his second speech afterwards in favor of social meeting.

On the evening of the 27th, I enjoyed a happy meeting with my brethren and sisters in Louisville, at a church prayer meeting, held Wednesday evening. On last Saturday morning, March 2nd, I received a telegram at Massilon that my sister, Fannie T. Kelly was not expected to live any time. So I took the first train at Massilon, east, and when I arrived at Columbiana, I was told that the spirit had taken its flight, and when I arrived at her former residence I found her at rest. The heart that once throbbed with love, and the smiling face that always greeted me on my arrival at her home, was now in the cold and silent embrace of death. She has gone to meet father and mother on the other shore. O may we all be so unspeakable happy as to meet her there where parting will be no more.

J. T. KOLP.

Montevallo, Mo.

The work in southern Missouri is advancing. Our much esteemed Bro. Showalter came among our midst and labored about two weeks in the Master's cause. He preached sound doctrine. Had very attentive audiences during the meetings and the interest seemed to increase all the time. The saints rejoiced and the unconverted were caused to tremble. Five precious souls were joined to the Lord, and amongst the number was an aged mother that confessed that she regretted it that she did not attend to this sooner. At this writing she is very ill, not expected to recover. Oh we think that our dear young people ought to take warning and engage in the services of the Master in the prime of life. The aged mother (Gum) always has been a lover of the truth, but she was so deeply impressed with the thought that she would have to attend to the ordinance of baptism that she had no peace of mind neither day nor night.

Bro. Showalter made many friends during the time that he remained with us. He was esteemed highly by all around and it is the desire of all the people around Walnut Grove for him to come again as soon as convenient. Elder W. J. H. Bauman we want you to come.

SAMUEL A. LEEDY.

Mount Zion, Pa.

We expect to commence a series of meetings on the 6th of April, Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock in the Iron Bridge school house, one mile from Bridgeport. Bro. Stephen Hildebrand will open up a battery on the left wing of the enemy and continue for one week and if the enemy's ranks don't brake, we will move to Bridgeport on Sabbath morning, the 14th, and open up against the main works in the name of Israel's God the walls, we trust, will come tumbling down and sinners come flocking home to God. Brethren and sisters pray much in our behalf, especially P. J. Brown and J. B. Wampler, as you have been here. May God be with us.

W. F. MURRAY.

Mexico, Ind.

A series of meetings commenced here on Feb. 9th, conducted by Bro. Bashor, and closed on March 10th, with eight additions to the church, about all of whom are heads of families. The interest was good throughout the entire meeting, and many more are near the kingdom.

Bro. Bashor is the right man for our place, and preached powerful sermons which were well received, and left many warm friends here. We expect he will be our pastor here for the next six months, which we hope may result in good and the upbuilding of God's cause.

May God bless our efforts, is my prayer.

MRS. J. O. FISHER.

OUR CHURCH.

Remember the interest of your church paper, and do all you can to extend its circulation.

Bro. J. M. Tombaugh expects to hold a revival meeting at Farmersville this spring.

The Sister's Christian Endeavor of Ashland Church had a splendid meeting on last Saturday.

Bro. Kilhefner preached at the College on last Lord's Day, and the brethren were pleased to hear him again.

Bro. I. D. Bowman is again at Ashland, and his joyful presence frequently encourages us in the Lord's work.

Bro. J. B. Rittgers has changed his address to Nelsonville, Ohio. His former address was Brashears, Ohio.

Bro. I. D. Bowman will preach at North Liberty, next Saturday evening and on Lord's day, and also at Ankenytown on Lord's day.

We notice in a late letter that Bro. J. G. Snider will soon go to Virginia to serve the Rockingham church. Bro. Koontz becomes pastor of the Maurertown church.

The brethren in Ohio who were appointed on committees should not forget them. There is a great and difficult work assigned to one of the committees, and now is none too early to commence. We allude to the matter of submitting to the churches the resolutions concerning plans for future conventions. We believe that was the plan proposed. At any rate the committee has important work to do, and we trust the members will not be as some have been in in the past, forget that they are on committees.

Bro. J. M. Miller is conducting a revival meeting at Zimmermanville, Ohio, the place where a new church was recently built.

Bro. Noah Heeter is doing a good thing in sending us new subscriptions. If all work so well, soon we could improve the paper.

Bro. J. H. Swihart is still working away near Warsaw, Ind. When last heard from several had already confessed Christ.

Send in your dollars, fifty cents, quarters and dimes for the Dayton mission. A great work can be done in the city if you will help to do it.

Bro. S. H. Bashor organized the Brethren at Mexico before he left the work there. He was delayed, and now his appointments will also be set back a week or two.

To correct a mistake in number eight.—I was informed wrong there were four instead of five added to the church, during brother Grove's meetings west of Dallas Center.—D. S. Shank.

Last week was one of unusual events. Our office was enlivened by visits from Bro. McFaden and J. B. Rittgers. Bro. M. is well known, but Bro. B. is a brother new in our ranks. He came here to confer with Bro. McFaden.

The Sisters were delighted with their meeting last week, here in Ashland. If the sisters could realize everywhere how much they miss by not having meetings, they would at once go to work and organize an Endeavor.

March 12th, 1889.—The meeting at Prattville is still in progress with fifteen souls enlisted on board the good old ship, and the end is not yet. Bless the Lord. Brother Ridenour is doing a glorious work. May God bless him is my prayer.—Jacob Gipe.

Bro. E. L. Yoder is now engaged to preach for the Carleton church an indefinite time. Bro. Y. is one of the most consistent ministers in the church, and our Carleton brethren will find in him a helper who is true to the work of building up the church.

Bro. J. D. McFaden lectured at the College on Thursday evening of last week. A fair audience for the College greeted him, and were highly entertained. 'How to Get Married and then be Happy' was his theme. He gave the audience many hints which will return rich profits if put in practice.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Keim is making preparations to enter upon his canvass for the College. The amount is not a great one that is now needed to pay the debt, but some earnest and effective work must be done to finish the work. Then the institution shall need live canvassing for students.

Bro. Yoder informs us under the date of March 16th, that the small-pox is under such control in Brown Co., Kan., that the Brethren have resumed meeting at the Pony Creek church, and will announce meeting, organize Sunday school for Sunday March 24th. Bro. Yoder has engaged to preach for the Carleton church twice per month for an indefinite length of time.

The finest railway station in the world is said to be at the terminal station in Bombay, India, of the Peninsula Railway. It was finished last May and named in honor of the Empress of India. It took ten years to build it, and cost nearly $19,000,000.

The discovery by Dr. Emmons of an explosive, called after its inventor Emmonsite, which is much more powerful than any hitherto known explosive, has led to the incorporation of a company with a capital stock of $5,000,000. The company is to build its factory at Pittsbuag, Pa.